**Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM** Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

**Pride Fundraiser!** Our DEI Team is hosting a charity raffle during June, featuring a lovely Pride Quilt made and donated by Sherry Wilson. Proceeds support The Trevor Project, whose mission is to end suicide among LGBTQ young people. Look for DEI Team members selling raffle tickets in the Common Room.

**Exploring UU/UUSG History Class** - July 16, 12:00pm in the Common Room. Join us for a two-hour orientation class on the history of Unitarian Universalism and of UUSG! We recommend taking this class before taking the exploring membership class. Sign up at <u>uusg.org/explore</u> or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

**Exploring Membership Class** July 30, 12:00pm in the Common Room. A two-hour class on exploring membership will be offered in the Common Room for those who are interested in becoming members of UUSG. Sign up at <u>uusg.org/explore</u> or at the Welcome Center in the Common Room. Childcare available upon request. Lunch is provided.

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# Today & This Week at UUSG

Sunday, June 18 • 6:00 PM	Worship Service 10:00 AM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth Office Closed/Staff Off
Tuesday, June 20	
Wednesday, June 21 • 7:00 PM	<b>Swedish Days</b> UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group <i>online</i>
Thursday, June 22	Swedish Days
Friday, June 23	Swedish Days
Saturday, June 24 • 1:00 PM	Swedish Days RE Event: Batavia Riverwalk &
	Creamery Event

- Sunday, June 25 Swedish Days / No Service
  - 6:00 PM Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

#### SHORT VERSION OF BOARD MINUTES June 13, 2023

- Swedish Days is one week away. Need more volunteers for Saturday and Sunday timeslots.
- <u>The Technology Team gave a presentation</u> to the Board on the technical improvements and successes they have had this past year. The Tech Team is functioning as a professional-grade production center and crew!
- The <u>2023-2024 Annual Budget</u> was reviewed and approved.
- <u>Tom Lichtenheld gave a presentation</u> on some facilities projects that he has been working on.
- Lisa Rittenberry's title has been changed from Administrative Assistant to Ministries Administrator. Her new email address is ma@uusg.org.

UUSG Minutes (which include the full version) and Reports are available to UUSG Members & Friends at <u>uusg.org/minutes-and-reports</u>. Contact <u>office@uusg.org</u> for the password to view them.

# Welcome to This House!



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

June 18, 2023

Soul Matters Theme: Delight

#### Today's Worship Team

In the Pulpit: Rev. Scot Hull Worship Associate: Kathy McFadden Musicians: Angela Salvaggione, piano; Jessica Littlefield Technical Team: Jeff Stibal, Director; Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll, Doreen Rose Mace, Scott Dotson, Gina Grupe-Stibal, Caroline Pickett, Ashley Peterson

#### **Upcoming Services:**

Sunday, June 25: No Service – Swedish Days

Sunday, July 2: Guest Speaker, Steve Clark

# **Order of Worship**

Prelude "Ballad," Ramzi Bou Kamel

### **Call to Worship**

Introit "Yomma Mwel I Hawa," arr. Wajdi Abou Diab

# Welcoming Words

**Opening Hymn** #1018 Come and Go with Me

**Chalice Lighting** 

Song of Praise

Covenant

Doxology

**Passing the Peace** 

Reading

Responsive "The Frolic," Harry Burleigh

**Sermon** I Remember Damage: Hope, Hopelessness, and Hopepunk

Hymn #168 "One More Step"

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn of Comfort #123 "Spirit of Life"

**Offertory** Scherzino 3 "Capteur de Cauchemards," Tony Gemayel

**Chalice Extinguishing** 

Sending Music "Tafta Hinda," Wadia Sabra

Benediction

# Announcements

**Swedish Days Begins Wednesday!** Come join in the fun and meet new friends and reconnect with old ones at our annual Swedish Days Pizza Booth! This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we would love your help! Let's fill up the last remaining slots--more information and sign up at <u>uusg.org/swedish-days</u>.

**Oneness Drum Circle** Sunday, July 2, 2-4pm, in the Sanctuary. Each month we will be honoring a different type of musical rhythmic exploration as we come together playing various instruments in joyful celebration. July's theme is Patriotic Freedom with Fife and Drum. Our drum circle is designed for ALL ages and we bring plenty of instruments to share for those who are curious to try something new or simply learn how to let go and trust the improvisation of your heart. Come have fun with us.

**Reimbursement Reminder** If you spent money on behalf of UUSG this year and have not yet requested reimbursement, please do so by June 30. We won't be able to process any requests for 2022-2023 funds received after the end of this month. Reimbursement request envelopes are available just outside Christine's office door.

**June Beyond Our Walls: Youth Outlook** Youth Outlook is solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ+ youth. Working in 6 counties, they offer drop-in centers, providing a safe space for youth, to meet other LGBTQ+ young people, as well as a support group for people who are parenting LGBTQ teens.

**It's Just Lunch!** Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation at Andres Restaurant in Batavia at 11:30am on Wednesday, June 28. We hope to be outside on the patio/balcony! Please sign up at <u>uusg.org/lunch</u> so we know how many spots to reserve.

**Simply Sharing** Our UUSG conversation group is recommitting to meeting in person once a month. Our next meeting is Wed, July 12, 1-3pm in the Common Room. A permanent meeting day each month will be considered and settled shortly. If you're interested in joining or if you need info, contact Gail Tattersfield at <u>simplysharing@uusg.org</u>.

**The DEI Connection:** In celebration of "Juneteenth" and the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, today's reading was excerpted from *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, ©1940.

**RE Summer Event:** Batavia Creamery & Riverwalk. Saturday, June 24, 1-3pm. We will start at the Riverwalk, make our way to the park and end at the Batavia Creamery. A single scoop for everyone will be compliments of UUSG!

**No UUSG Service on Sunday, June 25!** Due to the Geneva Swedish Days Festival, we will not have a service at UUSG. The UUA General Assembly Worship Service will be streamed online at 10am. Visit <u>uusg.org/upcoming-services</u> for the link.

Social Justice Thank Yous! Lazarus House overnight volunteers: Kate Johnson, Shawn Thornton, Taia Hollmeier, Jeanne Neltnor and Maureen McKeough. Northern Illinois Food Bank (June 10): Richard Barfuss, Kevin Beyer, Nancy Christiansen, Don Clements, Jamie & James Carroll, Sandi Gabrielli, Cari, Caley, Keith, & Sam Gesiakowski, Coleen Kavanaugh, Rose Mace, Brian & Pam Mueller, Mark Runyan, Pat Vary

**UUSG Food Ministry: July 1:** Provide Lazarus House 20 sack lunches or a dinner entree & salad for 12. <u>uusg.org/lazarus-house</u>. **July 8, 9-12:** Pack food at Northern Illinois Food Bank <u>uusg.org/food-bank</u>. **June 22 & July 27:** Provide lunch items for the Aurora Sandwich Board. <u>uusg.org/soup-kitchen</u>.